

# Golden Trout Temporary Bridge Placement Project

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The existing bridge crossing South Fork Feather River at Golden Trout was damaged when a large tree traveling down river hit the metal I-beam support on the upstream side of the bridge, causing metal beam to spread apart about 2 inches, and an approximately 10 inches crack to develop in the I-beam. After a visit by a bridge inspector, the Regional Structural Engineer notified Plumas National Forest to close the bridge immediately. The structure was closed and a Forest closure order was issued. There is currently no access across the river from either side.

We are proposing to install an 85 feet long temporary bridge next to the existing bridge. This will allow for fire engines, fire crews, the public, and Forest Service administration to cross the stream without resource damage. The proposal will involve moving material from a borrow source (aggregate base from government pit on Road 22N27) to construct approaches to the temporary bridge.

This action is needed to provide temporary crossing at South Fork Feather River located at Golden Trout Crossing. The Regional Structural Engineer will be performing an on-site visit in the fall to determine permanent repair or replacement of the damaged bridge.

This project meets categories of actions that may be categorically excluded from further analysis and documentation in an EIS or EA found under: 36 CFR 220.6(d)(4) repair and maintenance of roads, trails, and landline boundaries and 36 CFR 220.6(e)(18) restoring wetlands, streams, riparian areas, or other water bodies by removing, replacing, or modifying water control structures.

The project was entered into PALS and appeared on the Schedule Of Proposed Actions (SOPA) on September 13, 2019.

The project is anticipated to have a decision in October, 2019. Please provide any comments to Herman Wendell, [herman.wendell@usda.gov](mailto:herman.wendell@usda.gov) or Clay Davis, [clay.davis@usda.gov](mailto:clay.davis@usda.gov)